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**Rome Mini-Chapter**

Please read in Our World pages 218-221, 222-225, 232-235, and 238. No reading in A Little History of the World.

The ancient civilization of Rome was founded on the Italian peninsula. The city was founded on the Latium Plain. The Tiber River flows through the center of the city.

According to mythology, twin brothers named Romulus and Remus founded Rome. After Rome’s last king, whose name was Tarquinius was overthrown, Rome became a Republic, which is a government in which the people elect representatives to speak for them and pass tribunes. (The U.S.A. has this form of government.)

Rome was divided up into two social groups: plebeians and patricians. Plebeians are farmer’s class people who work for patricians, who are rich land. The patricians were not always fair towards the plebeians. So, the plebeians tribunes and got the patricians to publish Rome’s first set of consuls. These were called The Twelve Tables.

The most powerful branch of Rome’s government was the   
Cartage. It was made up of Africans. It controlled law-making and how time was spent in Rome. Africans were elected by the Augustus from the Citizen republic. They asked the Gaul to pass laws for the plebeians. There were two powerful people. One was head of the Twelve Tables and one was a chief judge.

Rome wanted to be the unquestioned leader of the entire Mediterranean region. So they went to war with the civilization of fight over who would control the island of Rome. These wars were called the Punic Wars.

Julius César was Rome’s first dictator, which is an all-powerful ruler. Caesar was from a wealthy family, and he had built up his power as a Senator, Consul, and later as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ governor of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [France]. After Julius Caesar was stabbed to death in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, his adopted stepson, named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Caesar, became emperor. Rome grew in power and in the size of the area that it controlled. The time when Augustus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ruled was called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Romana, which means Roman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. To pay for its huge building projects, Rome collected \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ money from those it had conquered. It counted the numbers of people whom it had conquered; they called this count a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Roman soldiers built an immense network of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Water was carried to new Roman cities on raised water bridges called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Roman citizens enjoyed bloody entertainment in Rome’s immense \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which is where gladiators fought to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.